

Wolf Cub Scouts

Summer between 1st and 2nd grade: Invite Scouts to complete Elective 18f (page 199): *Take part in two summertime pack events with your den.* This is the first elective toward the first arrow point.

If you are starting this program in September, make sure your pack does this NEXT year!

Helpful hints for Den Leaders: Your first Wolf den meeting will be each boy's first Scouting experience possibly without a parent or guardian present. The tone you set at the first meeting will determine, to a large extent, the success of your year. Wear your adult uniform. Be completely organized prior to the start of the meeting. Explain clearly to the boys what the behavioral expectations are and what the consequences will be. You may wish to use the "good conduct candle" approach. Be friendly but firm with the boys. Ask your co-leader (or parent helper) to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the starting time of the meeting. He or she can help you with final preparations before the boys arrive. You may wish to collect den dues for the full year at the beginning of the year. This saves time at den meetings. If you collect at each meeting, some boys will forget to bring their dues, or some parents may not wish to have their child carrying money. These situations can lead to a den leader being unable to collect dues on an ongoing basis, and therefore having to cover the den costs him/herself. A snack at den meetings is optional, depending on the time of your meeting. Distribute the Parent and Family Talent Survey Sheet (in resource folder on this CD) prior to or at the first den meeting. Ask for it to be returned to you within a week. It will be a helpful tool for you to identify parent resources within your den. You may wish to distribute a parent information letter (samples in resource folder on this CD) at the conclusion of each meeting. The letter informs parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities. If any new boys have joined your den this year, make certain they complete the Bobcat Badge before beginning other advancement.

Cub Scout Promise

I, _____ name _____, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America
And to the republic for which it stands,
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

Meeting #1 Achievement 2: *Your Flag (partial)*, Elective 9b: *Make a Gift (partial)*, Elective 12e: *Make a stencil pattern*

Preparation and Materials needed:

American flag, index cards with the Cub Scout Promise printed on one side and the Pledge of Allegiance printed on the other side. (enough for all people attending meeting), undecorated den flag (can be part of a sheet of fabric), flag stands, squares of yellow-gold felt (one per Scout), ball point pens, youth scissors, camera and film.

Gathering:

Snack (Have snack and napkins set at each boy's place prior to the arrival of the boys.), collect den dues, and record attendance. At this first meeting, have each boy tell the den what one of the rules for good behavior during a den meeting should be. With a little prompting from the den leader, all of the rules can be covered: Only one person speaks at a time. No interrupting others. Stay in the meeting room, unless you have permission from the den leader to go elsewhere. No bad language or gestures. No running, sliding, or rolling on the floor unless it is part of an activity we are doing. Leave our meeting room cleaner than we found it, etc.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony. Choose the first boy alphabetically to be your denner and carry the American flag. The second boy will be next meeting's denner and will carry the den flag today. (The den flag is not yet decorated at this point.) The third and fourth boys are the color guards. The remaining boys in the den and all adults present form a reviewing line which the color guard passes on the way to the flag stands. The den leader can call the flag ceremony at the first few meetings until the boys learn how to do so. Provide index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise for each person present. After the flags are posted, have all recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then all may read the Cub Scout Promise in unison from the index cards. Provide the index cards for the first few meetings until the boys can recite the pledge and the promise with confidence.

Advancement:

Achievement 2: *Your Flag*, requirement 2b: Lead a flag ceremony in your den. (completed above)

Take a photograph of each boy separately (head and shoulders) in his uniform. This will be used for elective 9b in meeting #7.

Tell the parents they must complete Requirement 8, child abuse protection exercises in the front of the book.

Elective 12e: *Make a stencil pattern*. Trace each boy's hand on a square of yellow-gold felt. Have each boy cut out his hand print and put his name on the back of it. This will be used for your den flag and is the second elective toward the first arrow point. At their Arrow of Light ceremony, when the boys are in 5th grade, the handprints will be removed from the den flag and each boy will present his print to his parents.

Closing:

Closing ceremony – retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter (samples in resource folder on this CD)

Clean up

Meeting #2 Achievement 2: *Your Flag (partial)*, Achievement 1: *Feats of Skill*

Preparation and Materials Needed:

Following meeting #1, the den leader prints each boy's name on his felt hand print, using fabric paint. When dry, the leader may sew the hand prints onto the den flag or may

choose to have the boys do the sewing at meeting #2. Materials needed: American flag, den flag, Cub Scout Promise printed on index cards, ball and (optional) baseball gloves for boys to play catch, 4-6' narrow board or roll of masking tape.

Gathering:

Snack (Remember to have this in place before the boys arrive.), collect den dues, record attendance, review rules of behavior for den meetings.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony. Remember to move through a rotation of the boys, using the denner system, so each boy has a turn at every role in the flag ceremony. Continue using the index cards printed with the Cub Scout Promise and Pledge of Allegiance.

Advancement:

Achievement 2, requirement 2a: *Give the Pledge of Allegiance and tell what it means.* (page 47),

Achievement 1: *Feats of Skill*, requirements 1a,1b,1c,1d,1e,1f. For requirement 1b, if you can not easily transport a board to your meeting place, substitute a line of masking tape on the ground.

Optional: Using a needle and thread, have each boy sew his hand print onto the den flag.

Closing:

Retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

Meeting #3 Achievement 2: *Your Flag (completion)*, Achievement 3: *Keep Your Body Healthy (partial)*, Elective 20: *Sports*

Preparation and materials needed:

American flag, state flag, den flag, football and flags for flag football, soccer ball, basketball, baseball or softball, bat. Print a health habits chart (below) for each boy (requirement 3a, page 57). Procure indoor space to play flag football, soccer, basketball, and baseball in case the weather does not permit these activities outdoors.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony.

Advancement:

Achievement 2, requirements 2c, 2d, 2e, 2g

Elective 20: *Sports*, electives 20h, 20i, 20j, 20k or 20l or 20m

Pack Meeting Preparation:

Song: *This Land is Your Land* (Cub Scout Songbook, page 88)

Closing:

Retire the colors

Distribute health habits chart (below) to be completed and returned at next den meeting

Hand out parent information letter.

Clean up

Meeting #4 Achievement 3: *Keep Your Body Healthy (completion)*, Elective 20g: *Go Bowling*, Bowling Belt Loop, Bowling Sports Pin

Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements with a bowling alley to bring your den. Provide bowling alley staff with a copy of the Bowling Belt Loop and Bowling Sports Pin requirements. Research history of bowling on the internet (<http://www.bowlingmuseum.com/history.asp>) and print a copy for distribution to each boy at your meeting. Arrange transportation to the bowling alley. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to this field trip. (See the Local Tour Permit in the Resource folder on this CD.)

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Pledge of Allegiance, using flag on denner's uniform as American flag

Advancement:

Achievement 3: *Keep Your Body Healthy*. Field trip to a bowling alley. Complete Achievement 3 while the boys are having their snack at the bowling alley. Collect completed health habits chart from each boy.

Elective 20g: *Go Bowling*.

Bowling belt loop and bowling sports pin can be earned at the bowling alley.

Closing:

Hand out parent information letter.

Boys receive their Progress Towards Ranks emblem (immediate recognition) and first yellow bead today at your den meeting. They will receive their Bowling Belt Loop and Pin at the next pack meeting.

Meeting #5 Elective 13: *Birds (partial)*

Preparation and materials needed:

Bring American flag and den flag. Obtain permission to plant flower bulbs on the grounds of your meeting place. Bring garden tools and enough flower bulbs so each boy can plant several, a bird watching chart (below) for each boy, bird nesting material (short pieces of yarn or string), the book *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen (ISBN # 0-590-42044-5), one large pine cone per boy, to which you have attached a string by which the pinecone can be hung, a jar of peanut butter, birdseed, an 8"x 8" cake pan, table knives, newspaper to cover the work table, a smock for each boy and adult, zipper plastic bags large enough to hold each completed pinecone bird feeder. Write each boy's name on his plastic bag prior to the meeting.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance. While the boys are eating their snack, we read the book *Owl Moon* aloud. Each boy read two pages and passed the book to the next boy.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Elective 13: *Birds* 13a: Distribute a bird watching chart (below) to each boy, to be completed and returned at the next meeting, 13b: Put out the bird nesting material when you go outdoors to plant the flower bulbs, 13c: You have read *Owl Moon* during snack time, 13d: Show the bird pictures on page 174 and ask the boys which of those they have seen. Ask them to name at least two more species they have seen, 13e: Make pinecone bird feeders. Have each person put on a smock. Cover the work table with newspaper. Each boy receives a pinecone and dull knife. Place 2 or 3 bowls of peanut butter on the table. Using the dull knife, each boy spreads peanut butter all over the pinecone. Put birdseed into 8"x 8" pan and roll each peanut butter coated pinecone in the birdseed. Place each completed bird feeder into a labeled plastic zipper bag. Wash hands. Remove smocks. Remind the boys to hang the bird feeders from a tree or bush when they get home. 13f: Ask the boys to put out a birdhouse in their yard or neighborhood and tell which birds use it.

Closing:

Retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter

Note: Excellent Bird Resources including feeding, watching, and making a bird watching chart can be found at <http://wneo.org/WebQuests/TeacherWebQuests/bird/bird.htm>.

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Name _____

**Wolf Cub Scouts Elective 13a
Bird-Sighting Chart**

Type	Locations	# of Sightings
Cardinal		
Robin		
Sparrow		
Goose		

Please bring these completed sheets to the next meeting on _____

Type	Locations	# of Sightings
Duck		
Goldfinch		
Blue Jay		
Seagull		

Remember to “do your best” to accurately record your information.

Type	Locations	# of Sightings

Meeting #6 Achievement 4: *Know Your Home and Community*, Elective 13: *Birds (completion)*

Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements for a field trip to your local fire station. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to this field trip. Bring paper and pencil for each boy.

Gathering:

Eat snack en route to the fire station or while in the conference room at the fire station.

Opening Ceremony:

Using the American flag at the fire station, recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Cub Scout Promise.

Advancement:

Achievement 4: *Know Your Home and Community*, requirement 4f and Achievement 9: *Be Safe at Home and on the Street*. We took a field trip to the local fire station and had a tour. We then sat in a conference room at the station to complete requirements 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 9a, 9d, and 9e. Collect bird watching charts from the previous meeting. Ask parents to complete Achievement 9, requirements 9b and 9c at home.

Closing:

Living Circle (page 29)

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #7 Elective 9b: *Make a Gift (partial)*, Elective 11a and c: *Sing-Along (partial)*

Preparation and materials needed:

American flag and den flag, photographs of the boys taken at the first den meeting, picture frames to be decorated, paint and brushes or other materials to decorate picture frames, smocks to protect the boys' uniforms from paint.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony (Your choice)

Advancement:

Elective 9b: *Make a gift or toy*. Wearing smocks, each boy decorated a picture frame and inserted the photo of himself that was taken at our first den meeting of the year. Save these for the next den meeting.

Elective 11a: We learned and sang the first and third verses of *America*.

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #8 Elective 9b: *Make a Gift (completion)*, Achievement 7: *Your Living World*, Achievement 6: *Start a Collection (partial)*, Achievement 8: *Cooking and Eating (partial)*

Preparation and materials needed:

American flag, den flag, litter bags and work gloves for each boy and adult, three stories about how people are protecting our world, framed photos made at meeting #7, gift wrap and tape, markers.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Discuss Good Turn for America and requirements 7a, 7b, 7c, 7f while the boys are eating their snack.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Elective 17a,17b,17c, (Boys wrapped the framed photos made at meeting #7 and took them home and gave them to their parents as holiday gifts.)

Achievement 7: *Your Living World* Requirement 7e: Discuss the three stories about how people are protecting our world. Go outdoors to complete requirement 7d: Pick up litter around our meeting place. Ask the boys to begin working on Achievement 6: *Start a Collection*. Each boy is to bring his collection to the next den meeting and show the den. Ask the parents to have the boys complete Achievement 8: *Cooking and Eating*, Requirements 8c, 8d, 8e. They have likely completed these at home.

Boys receive their second yellow bead for Progress Toward Ranks today.

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter (remind to bring collection to next meeting)

Clean up

Meeting #9 Achievement 8: *Cooking and Eating (completion)*, Achievement 6: *Start a Collection (completion)*

Preparation and materials needed:

American flag and den flag, paper and pencil for each boy

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Discuss Food Guide Pyramid while having snack.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Complete Achievement 8: *Cooking and Eating*, Requirements 8a and 8b and Achievement 6: *Start a Collection*, Requirements 6a and 6c. Have each boy bring his collection to the den meeting and show his collection to the den.

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

Meeting #10 Achievement 5: *Tools for Fixing and Building*, Achievement 10: *Family Fun*, Achievement 11: *Duty to God*

Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements for a field trip to your local hardware store. Discuss the requirements for Achievement 5 with the hardware store manager and ask for help from staff on the day of your visit. Bring wood for bookends and discuss with store manager your need to bring hammers, saws, nails, and safety glasses. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your council two weeks prior to this field trip.

Gathering:

Eat snack en route to the hardware store. Collect den dues and record attendance.

Opening Ceremony:

Go to the flag section of the hardware store and, with the employees, recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Advancement:

Achievement 5: *Tools for Fixing and Building* Requirements 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e
Field trip to the local hardware store. An employee of the hardware store worked with the boys to complete all of these requirements. For requirement 5e, each boy made a set of bookends.

Closing:

Clean up

Thank hardware store employees

Hand out parent information letter

Ask parents to complete Achievement 10: *Family Fun* and Achievement 11: *Duty to God* at home. They have likely completed most or all of these requirements already.

Boys receive their third yellow bead for Progress Toward Ranks today.

Meeting #11 Achievement 12: *Making Choices*

Preparation and materials needed:

Review Achievement 12 and choose four requirements from 12b-12k for completion at the den meeting. Bring American flag and den flag.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony, use sign language to say the Cub Scout Promise (Ceremonies Book pages 5-11)

Advancement:

Achievement 12: *Making Choices* Requirement 12a and four requirements from 12b-12k

Song:

B-I-N-G-O (Cub Scout Songbook, page 30)

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Boys receive fourth yellow bead today and Wolf Badge at the Blue and Gold Dinner.

Meeting #12 Elective 6: *Books, Books, Books*, Elective 12a: *Make a freehand drawing*.

Preparation and materials needed:

Make arrangements for a field trip to your local library. Bring brown paper bags, cut to size to make book covers, colored markers. Remind boys to bring their Wolf handbooks. Submit a Local Tour Permit to your local council two weeks prior to field trip.

Gathering:

Eat snack en route to the library. Make sure hands are clean before handling library books, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Gather in front of the American flag at the library and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Advancement:

Elective 6: *Books, Books, Books* Field trip to public library. Elective 6c and elective 12a: Using brown paper grocery bags and markers, the boys made book covers for their Wolf handbooks and made a freehand drawing on the book cover.

Closing:

Boys form a circle and recite the Cub Scout Promise

Thank librarian

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #13 Elective 14: *Pets*

Preparation and materials needed:

American and den flags, book: *The Market Square Dog* by James Herriot (ISBN # 0-312-06567-1), optional: Invite a veterinarian to discuss pets and electives 14b and 14d with the boys. If none of the boys are allergic to animals, perhaps the veterinarian could bring a pet to the meeting.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Elective 14: *Pets* Electives 14b, 14c, 14d. To complete 14c, read *The Market Square Dog* as a den. Starting with the denner, have each boy read two pages and pass the book to the next boy.

Song:

Rags (Cub Scout Songbook)

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Meeting #14 Elective 10: *American Indian Lore*

Preparation and materials needed:

American and den flags, book: *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush* by Tomie dePaola (ISBN # 0-590-44706-8), simple fabric vests, scissors for each boy, permanent markers. The boys will cut the fringe on the vests and decorate them with markers.

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Elective 10: *American Indian Lore* Elective 10a: We read *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush*, by Tomie DePaola. Starting with the denner, have each boy read two pages and pass the book to the next boy. Electives 10c and 10f: Each boy cut fringe along the bottom of his woodland vest and wrote a story on the vest, with markers, using Indian word pictures. I also had each boy choose a Native American name for himself (Swift Runner, Peace Maker, etc.)

Song:

She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain (Cub Scout Songbook)

Closing:

Retire the Colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

Meeting #15 Elective 4e: *Play a Game of Marbles* and Marbles Belt Loop**Preparation and materials needed:**

American and den flags, marbles for each boy

Gathering:

Snack, collect den dues, record attendance.

Opening Ceremony:

Flag ceremony

Advancement:

Elective 4e: *Play a Game of Marbles*, complete Marbles Belt Loop.

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/conker/conkers-and-ghosts/marbles.htm>

Or

http://www.ehow.com/how_3999_play_marbles.html

Closing:

Retire the colors

Hand out parent information letter

Clean up

Meeting #16 Elective 18: *Outdoor Adventure*, Elective 19: *Fishing*, Elective 21: *Computers***Preparation and materials needed:**

Make arrangements for a den family fishing outing and picnic. Have the boys help plan the outing. Bring a small American flag, fishing equipment and bait, picnic supplies and equipment, first aid kit.

Opening Ceremony:

While denner holds small American flag, recite Pledge of Allegiance. Have denner lead grace.

Advancement:

Elective 18: *Outdoor Adventure* Electives 18a and 18b: Have a den family picnic

Elective 19: *Fishing* Electives 19a,19b, 19c, 19d, 19e, 19f: When people are finished eating, they may go fishing.

They have already completed Elective 21: *Computers* in school.

Meeting #17

Trip to a local ice cream shop or other fun place to reward year-long good behavior.

All boys have now earned their Cub Scout World Conservation Award.

Sign each boy's book for all other electives you know the boy has completed. Some electives may have been completed at school, on a sports team, or as part of a Cub Scout pack activity. Ask parents to sign for any other electives the boy has completed. Tally them to make sure each boy receives as many arrow points as possible by the end of the school year.

Several boys earned the religious emblem of their faith. Most boys earned the Summertime Pack Award, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, and the Cub Scout World Conservation Award.